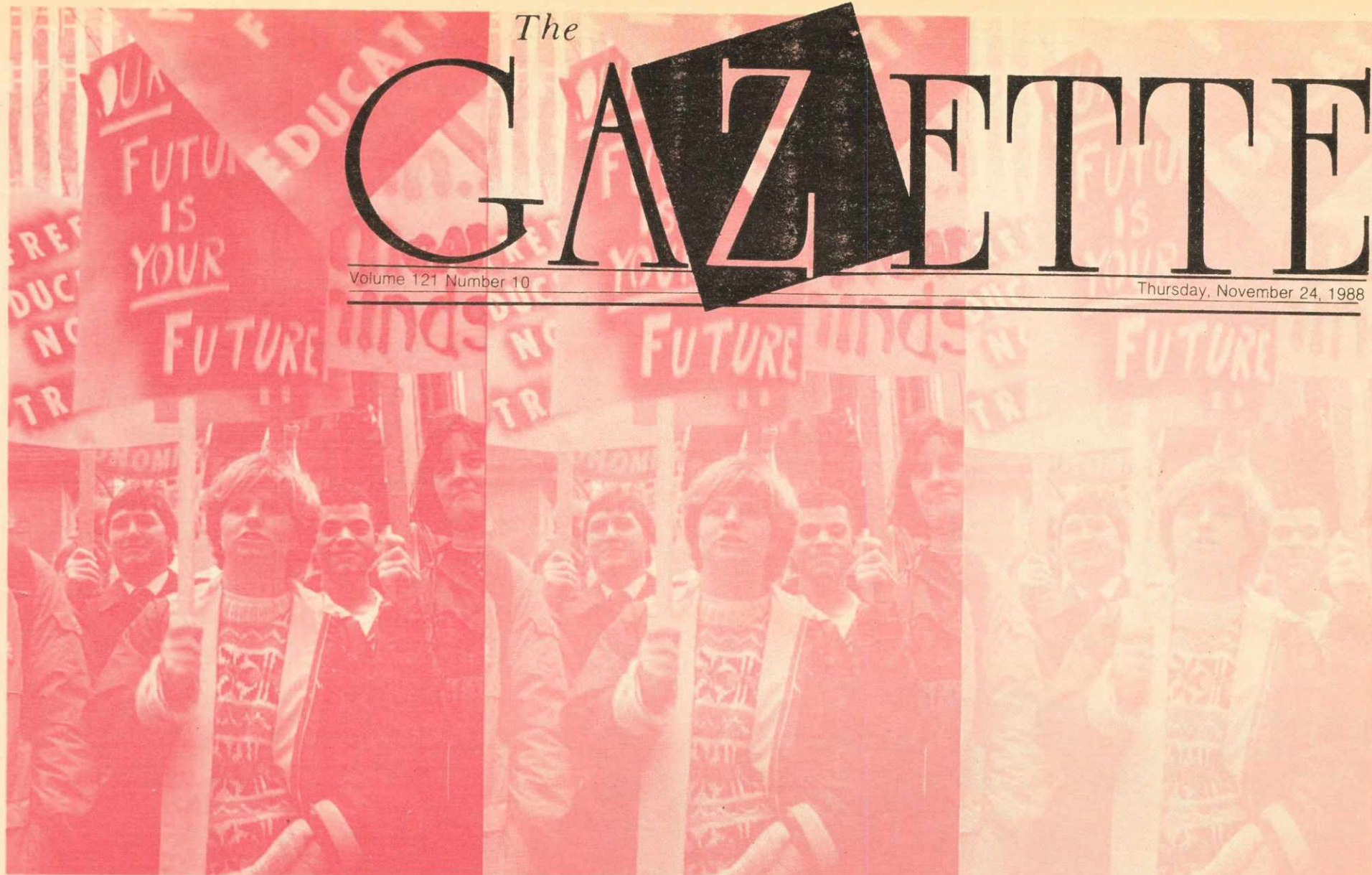


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## DFA Strike now a fading memory?

by Lyssa McKee

Although the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and the Administration reached a tentative settlement on Monday night, the atmosphere at Dalhousie is far from settled. Students and faculty alike are confused and concerned about what happens now that the strike appears to be over.

The tentative settlement was reached after marathon meetings held last weekend. Students were surprised by the sudden announcement Tuesday morning that the strike was finally over, and many were unable to attend their classes at such short notice.

The DFA and the Administration agreed, as part of their settlement, that the academic year would not change as a result of the strike. Denis Stairs, Vice-President (Academic and Research) said "we are hoping that we will be able to complete our academic programs in the framework of the academic year." The Christmas break will not be affected, the February reading week will be held as scheduled, and the year will finish in April as planned.

The DFA issued a memo concerning the terms of the agreement on November 22. It stated that "the DFA deplors the Administration's insistence on this 'business as usual' scenario and, in particular, the Administration's contempt for the education of those students who respected the picket lines."

The Administration says that it

is up to the individual faculties and departments to decide how to make up the work that was missed. Each department has different needs, and will adjust in their own way. Stairs points out that "what works for one teaching unit doesn't necessarily work for another."

Some students are concerned about the loss of academic time. Elizabeth Archibald, a fourth-year English student, wants either to be reimbursed for the two weeks, or to make up the extra time over the holidays. "We paid for those two weeks," she said. "It's not fair to cram two weeks of work into the end of term." Some of her professors are skipping material. "That's not fair either," she said. "You can't get a full picture of the material that way."

Juanita Montalvo, Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) President, points out the problem: professors are reluctant to schedule extra classes because the administration will not pay them for it. The DSU is asking the faculty for "flexibility, cooperation and comradeship" and hopes the professors will teach whether they are paid or not. "The Faculty have to realize on an individual level that there is a responsibility to the students," Montalvo said.

Commenting on this problem, DFA President David Williams says that the union "was upset about the nature of the back-to-work agreement. We were unable to achieve a back-to-work agreement that allowed us to teach make-up classes." When questioned as to whether the DFA was

forbidden to teach such classes, Williams said no, but he pointed out that professors would not be paid for that work. "If they teach such classes," he said, "it will be out of the goodness of their own hearts."

Stairs said that professors who taught during the strike will not have to repeat those classes. However, he said "we are strongly encouraging that they make every effort to help students." Professors must allow students to submit assignments and write tests which were missed due to the strike.

The DSU is not content with the Administration's policy. They insist that if the material is to be tested, then it must be made available to all students. The DSU is recommending that faculty be required to provide notes or audio tapes of the lectures that were held during the strike.

The DSU is also pressuring the Administration to provide additional services for students to help them through the next few hectic weeks of catching-up. The Administration is looking at the cost of extending library hours, and it has been suggested that daycare services be provided for extra evening and Saturday classes. The university has convinced the airlines not to charge penalties to Dalhousie students should they have to change their Christmas flights due to exam rescheduling.

The exam schedule is to be posted by the end of the week. It will be up to the individual professor and department to decide if

they wish to cancel or postpone the exam. Some departments may choose to hold the exam as scheduled, by covering less material. Students should check with the individual department or professor.

The agreement itself has received mixed reactions on campus. The memo issued by the DFA stresses the positive aspects of the agreement, and urges the membership to accept the offer. Gains are recognized in many areas, including salaries, and the DFA points out that "They have done very well with all the non-monetary issues."

Both the DFA and the Administration are pleased to announce that the pay equity issue has been resolved. Brian Mason, Vice-President (Finance and Administration) says that this contract will "fully correct the disparity between male and female salaries at Dalhousie."

The Administration was reluctant to discuss the terms of the agreement. Mason did say, however, that he felt that Board had made significant concessions. "I don't know how in heaven's name we're going to pay the bills," he said. "We're going to have to make some pretty major changes in how we operate around here in the next few years in order to meet this commitment."

When asked to define these "changes", Mason says that he doesn't know how Dalhousie can "continue to offer the range and depth of programs and support services that we currently offer. The money is just not available in the budget." He stressed that Dal-

housie will continue to pressure the government for a revision of the funding formula, and for a review of Dalhousie funding.

The tentative agreement was reached after a weekend of intense negotiation under the direction of Industrial Inquiry Commissioner Bruce Outhouse, a Halifax labour lawyer. Mason is quick to credit Outhouse with the speedy success of the talks. "He forced the Board to make concessions that it would not otherwise have willingly made. There is no question in my mind that we would not have come to an agreement so quickly without the pain that that man caused to both parties."

The "pain" that Mason refers to are the long hours that Outhouse demanded from both bargaining teams. The final series of talks clocked over 30 consecutive hours. "It's a technique," Mason says, "that is used often in these situations to keep the pressure on. There are times when you don't think you can carry on any further."

The tentative settlement must still be ratified by the Faculty Association. There is some concern that the Faculty might reject the agreement, as a number of professors have expressed dissatisfaction with the terms of the agreement. Though it is highly unlikely that the professors will go back to the picket lines now that classes have resumed, it is not a complete impossibility. When Williams was asked what should be done with the faculty's picket signs, he answered quickly: "Don't throw them out. We haven't ratified yet."



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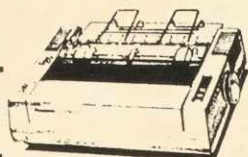
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News Analysis

# Face it, Clancy: Free Trade is In

by Amber-Leigh Golding

The Canadian election of 1988 was a tale of two visions, or in the eyes of the opposition parties, more of a nightmarish scenario painted in Tory Blue. The real losers in the campaign just past were the Canadian people. This one-horse election, where the singular issue was Free Trade, may have been convenient for that very small minority of voters who felt it to be the only issue that mattered. The rest of Canadians, who typically hold dear, come election time, a longer list of issues than just one, were for the most part ignored.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and his Conservatives were easily returned back to power with elbow room to spare. Clearly, Canadians are not nearly so paranoid about Free Trade with the Americans as the political left believed them to be.

Though Liberal leader John Turner and NDP leader Ed Broadbent were decidedly vague about their future plans regarding the national scene, conceding that the public had indeed made its choice on the matter — local Liberal and New Democratic candidates across the country vowed to do everything in their power to stop the deal. Such MPs have yet to learn how to recognize a dead horse when they see one.

In a way, one's sympathy goes out to these people; Free Trade was the only thing they talked

about. Now, with that issue apparently decided (for the time being at least), the opposition politicians are stuck with the job of identifying a new agenda for their respective constituents.

Not surprisingly, many of these triumphant candidates are suggesting that the Prime Minister did not receive a mandate from the Canadian people. They point to the fact that more than half of the total votes cast were against the Conservative.

Moreover, the Liberals and New Democrats insist that their respective parties failed to form a government because of what they call "strategic voting". First of all, in Canada's three party system, popular vote majorities by one party are a rare political species. Opposition parties which exploit arguments like this one are copping out. They refuse to accept personal responsibility for their party's defeat at the polls.

Nevertheless, they insist that vote-splitting was the culprit and that Mulroney has only minority support for his deal. This 'opposing' vote theory is a wrongheaded concept perpetuated by wrongheaded candidates. By adopting this view the Liberals and NDP seem to be suggesting to the public that everyone in the country who voted for them was in each and every case fanatically opposed to the deal. By implying this the opposition parties do grave discredit to themselves,

because they are essentially saying to the Canadian public, "No one supports us for ourselves. Votes that come our way are not specifically votes of support in our favour, but merely votes against a particular Conservative initiative."

Obviously this is not the case. Though one can imagine that many votes for the NDP were from people who were opposed to the free market system that the Mulroney deal encouraged, the Liberals can not say the same. Like the Tories, the Grits have a distinct core group that have voted with the same party whoever the personalities and whatever the issues. It is absurd for the Liberals to point to the combined Liberal and NDP votes as a pure anti-free trade power block.

Politicians may have talked only of the impending trade deal with the States but most voters had more than just that on their mind when they went to vote on election day.

Here in Halifax, Mary Clancy's win over Stewart McInnis — which left NDP challenger Ray Larkin far, far behind — was a logical extension of our provincial election back in September. Liberal voters were still sore about losing that one and decided to send Premier John Buchanan a none-too-subtle message. Clancy was the tool for that cryptic message.



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Halifax exchanged a cabinet minister for a newcomer representing the "wrong" party. At face value that's not the most advantageous swap in electoral history but then again the same thing was done to Liberal Gerald Regan when McInnis beat him out so you really can't tell at this point. Maybe Clancy has some

surprises in store. One thing is certain, however, and that is that it's going to be a fair while before Halifax Peninsula gets a cabinet posting again. For now, Clancy should ditch the free trade rhetoric and get on with something more productive, and ditto for Dartmouth's new Grit MP, Ron MacDonald.

## Native students protest

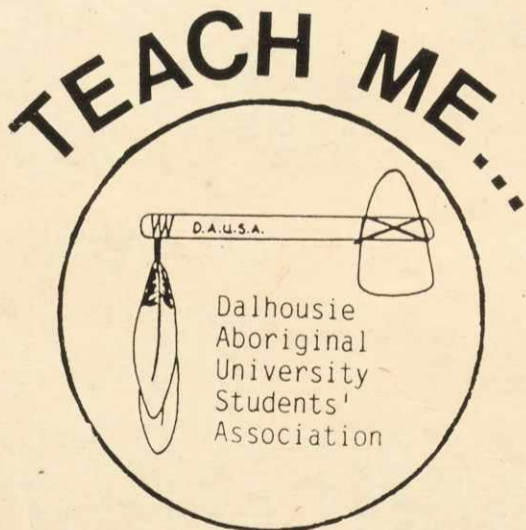
by Karen Bergen

Aboriginal students are gathering at Dalhousie this weekend to protest funding cuts which threaten the future of higher education for native students.

According to a Dalhousie Aboriginal Representative, a policy resulting in fewer graduates would deprive natives of the trained professionals needed to achieve their eventual self-government. Theresa Meuse says most of these students are in Arts programs, and will use their funding to get their undergraduate degree.

"Reduction of student weeks will prevent students from getting into professional schools", says Meuse. This will block education in programs such as law, medicine, nursing and administration. These programs are essential to native self-government, a process Meuse says "is not going to happen tomorrow, but could happen years down the road if we are educated."

"A student will only be eligible for 192 weeks of funding for post-secondary education", explains Jean Knockwood, Native Education Counsellor at Dalhousie. "That's a reduction of 88 weeks from the policy now in place, and a 50% reduction in weeks from the



number allowed in 1977."

"Agreements don't erode with time", Knockwood added, referring to the aboriginal education document signed between native leaders and the government, which allowed students 384 weeks to earn their degree.

There are 65 native students presently enrolled at Dalhousie. Knockwood and Meuse say the government proposals over the past ten years consist only of financial cuts in every area for native students. They argue this can only mean an inevitable

reduction in native students enrolling at Dalhousie and in universities across Canada.

"We see this as more threats to our Aboriginal right to education", says Meuse, "we have to start fighting now for the Aboriginal future."

The symposium Saturday and Sunday at Henson College is expected to bring in both Aboriginal students and leaders from across the Atlantic provinces to form a strategy to deal with these concerns.

## Student strike peters out at Montreal's UQAM

MONTREAL (CUP) — Striking Universite de Quebec a Montreal students were back in class November 17, but 2000 students across town at l'Universite de Montreal say they won't give in.

The province's student coalition, l'Association nationale des etudiantes et etudiants du Quebec (ANEEQ) called off a general strike November 13, saying it was a "strategic pause." A three-day strike in October at 32 colleges representing 100,000 students dwindled November 2 to an indefinite walk-out of 54,000 students and 20 colleges and universities.

Arts, literature education and social science students at UQAM refused to extend the two-week strike for loans and bursaries reform by three days at a general assembly.

But sociology, social work and theology students at U de M are still on strike. Criminology students are expected to vote to strike soon.

Anthropology students, who have been picketing since

November 2, suspended their strike for a week while students drop courses and write mid-term exams.

Universite de Montreal anthropology student Fernanda Claudio said she was disappointed that UQAM students were going back to class.

"People (at U de M) will feel a little bit betrayed by this," she said, "We felt a certain solidarity with UQAM, but we're not going to give up."

UQAM students were concerned mostly with the next step in their campaign to press education minister Claude Ryan to implement major changes in the loans and bursaries system in time for the next school year. The strikers want part-time students and those living away from home to be eligible for student aid.

"The battle is finished, but the war is far from over," said UQAM council communications coordinator Virginie Charette. "Students want a better loans and bursaries system and we're going to get it, by all means."



# Students worry about post-strike situation

by James Hamilton

Fifteen students sat in on the Board of Governors meeting last Wednesday to press for a settlement of the Dalhousie Faculty strike and express their concern about issues brought up in the president's report to the board.

Before the meeting, students organized a reception line to express their concern to each board member as they entered the Board and Senate chambers.

The main point of interest was President Howard Clark's report to the Board of Governors on November 15, 1988. In it, Clark said the administration's greatest concern is for the students. He said information sheets and strike hotlines have been made available to all students.

The president of the Dalhousie Student Union and member of

the Board of Governors, Juanita Montalvo, raised points of concern for students during the strike. She asked that the administration make a greater effort to consult with students concerning various policies announced during the strike, such as the need for professors to repeat class material missed during the strike, the inability of students to obtain signatures on research applications, and the need for reinterpretation of the Senate's motion stating that no students will suffer an academic penalty due to the strike.

The board said there was no indication that course material would have to be given twice. V.P. Academic Dennis Stairs added that it would be unfair to the faculty who didn't strike to have to reteach course material taught during the strike. The

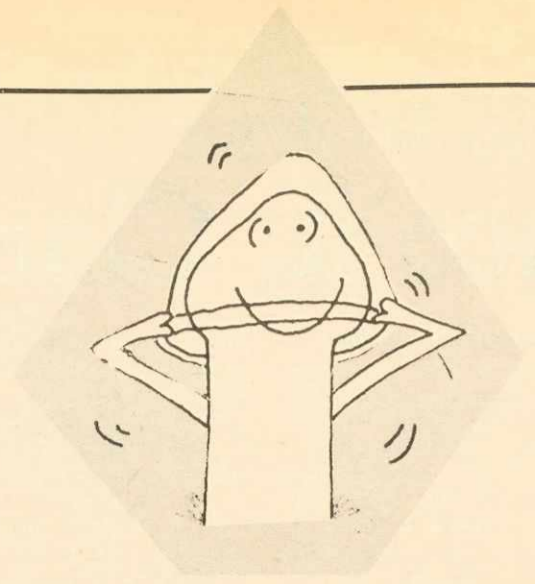
Board also said it is unfortunate that the D.F.A. has persistently offered a different interpretation of the Senate's motion.

In response to Montalvo's concern for signatures on students' research applications, Stairs responded saying that some application deadlines have been extended due to the strike. He added that professors' signatures are not necessary for the applications and that they certainly could be acquired following a settlement of the strike.

Senate Chair William Jones responded to Montalvo's request for a reinterpretation of the senate's statement "no academic penalty", saying it simply meant "no loss of marks".

Another issue raised by students present was concern for loss

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## Are you covered?

TORONTO (CUP) — Half of Canada's young people are worried about catching AIDS, but only a small minority use condoms regularly, a national study reveals.

"There are scary findings about the level of sexual activity among people," said Alan King, a professor at Queen's University and the principal author of the study about youth and AIDS, which will be released December 2.

The study is based on a survey of 38,000 12 to 21 year olds, including 6,000 university and college students.

The survey states that 75 per cent of first-year students have had sex within six months of starting university. Fifteen per cent have had anal sex at least once in their lives.

Only half of all the students surveyed were afraid of catching AIDS. Of those, only 12 per cent of males and 6 per cent of females regularly use or insist their partners use condoms, which can prevent transmission of the disease.

AIDS workers and educators said young people don't protect themselves from AIDS because they have misconceptions about condoms.

"There is an enormous contradiction between young people's worries and actions," said a counsellor at Toronto's AIDS hotline. "Men and women call up and say 'I'm afraid I'm at risk.' I ask them

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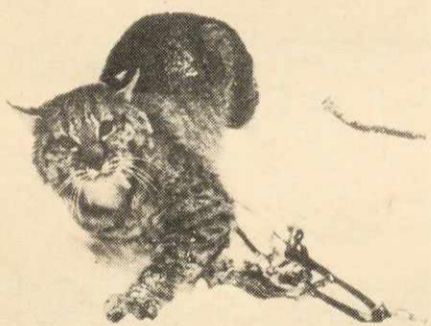


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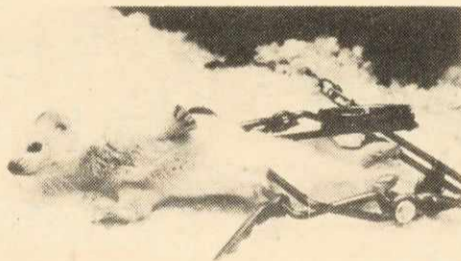


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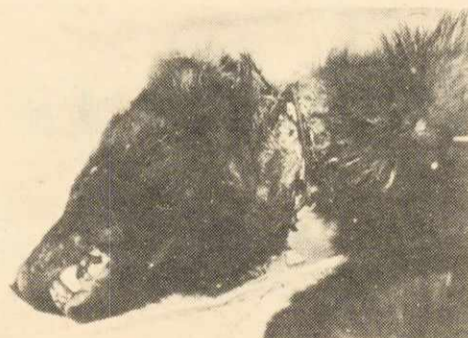


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Let's strike another committee . . .

# What is the DSU for?

by Andrew Poon

Amid the bustling, almost '60s atmosphere recently evoked in Dalhousie student politics during the faculty strike, many students were unaware of what the role of their student union is.

Stephen Davis, a student Board of Governor representative, brought this issue to the fore during the November 6 Council meeting. Council passed Davis' motion to form a committee to investigate "the role of councillors and executive members."

When asked why such a review committee was needed now, Davis said that the DFA strike has revealed that people are the important element in a university. That is why a review to study the role and effectiveness of councillors and improve communication with students is appropriate at this time, says Davis.

Davis says he has no complaints about any specific councillor.

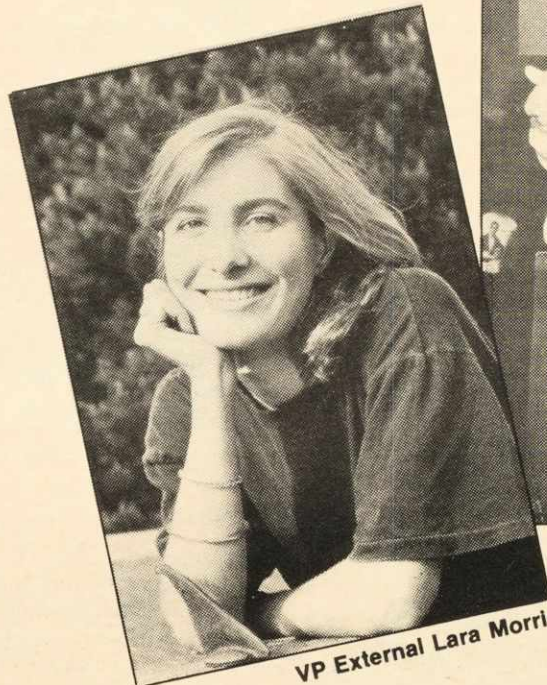
Davis' proposal calls for a ten-member committee of non-councillors to review surveys of how effective the student public perceives the DSU to be. Councillors should also evaluate themselves on their effectiveness in meeting objectives while in office. When asked what he hoped to come out of the review Davis said, "I'm looking for a system for which students can quantify Council's performance."

Other DSU councillors support the idea. Treasurer Frank DeMont says, "I applaud a call for review — but councillors will be apprehensive, as is only natural."

DeMont went on to say the evaluation and the job of the committee should emphasize the examination of the effectiveness of the positions themselves, not the person who does the job.

DSU president Juanita Montalvo says with the concentration of efforts following the aftermath of the DFA strike and up-coming exams, work on the review matter would most likely be delayed until after Christmas.

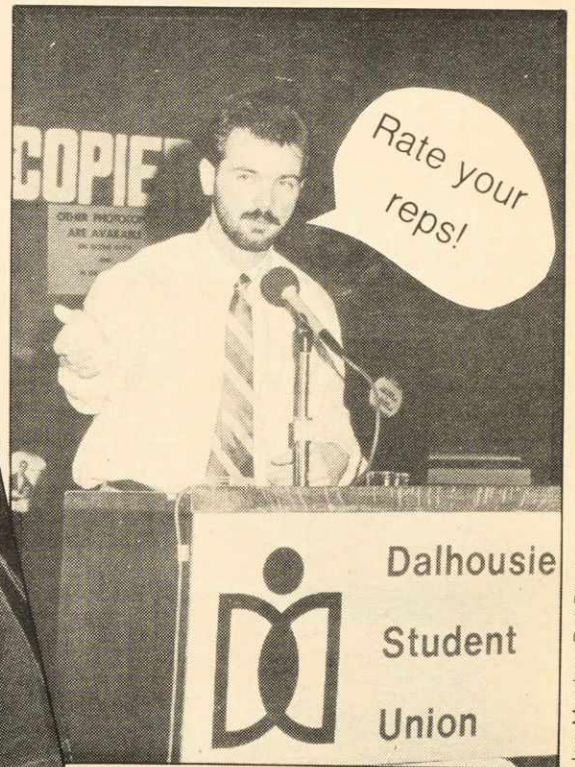
Shayna Watson, another Board of Governors representative, says



VP External Lara Morris

more well-defined roles of councillors would make the DSU more user-friendly.

However, DeMont warns, "students must make an effort to find out about the DSU."



VP Terry Crawley

Ian Mardon: Dal Photo

Above are just two of the DSU councillors up for review. But just when the review will happen, who will do it, and what criteria will be used are all unknowns.

## Is anyone in the private sector interested?

by Scott Randall

Dalhousie will be hosting the workshop *Valuing Special Places and Rare Species* and a lecture by Norman Myers will open it with a bang.

The workshop will take place Friday on the third floor of the Dal SUB and many environmental issues will be discussed.

According to Raymond Cote, of the Dalhousie School for Resource and Environmental Studies, the workshop is the result of the memorandum of understanding between Dalhousie and Parks Canada which facilitates the exchange of information between the two bodies.

Cote hopes the workshop will raise the consciousness of many people regarding the environment and also enhance the exchange of information between the various groups working with environmental issues.

Cote says they would like to push the private sector into understanding environmental issues and show them the benefits of preserving habitats and species. The workshop will hopefully result in an increased appreciation of natural places and habitats and perhaps yield some new approaches to saving them.

Underaged, U.S. citizens registered

# Enumerators blow it

by Ryan Stanley

In the weeks preceding the recent federal election, many Dalhousie students found they, too, were afflicted by a phenomenon unusually prevalent in metro this election year. More than a few Dal students felt the effects of what would seem to have been careless enumeration procedures, and as a result failed to get on the voters' list or were registered as voters when they shouldn't have been.

One Howe Hall resident, a U.S. citizen says he was surprised to find the card giving him Canadian voting rights slipped under his door. "They were pretty sloppy about it," he says adding he has heard stories of other similar incidents, including some of students being registered who were not yet eighteen. Another source in the men's residence say

that the enumerators simply slipped cards under everyone's door, without checking age or citizenship.

Lara Morris, the Student Union's Vice-President (External) says the DSU suggested the enumerators co-ordinate their work with the Student Union, but that they refused the offer. As a result, says Morris, enumeration of Dal students was a much less efficient procedure than it could have been.

Although there were no reports of enumeration problems at Sheriff Hall, King's College students and tenants of Alexandra Hall experienced many of the same difficulties.

This situation, of course, was not confined to Dal, as there have been numerous reports of homeowners in Halifax and Dartmouth being denied suffrage

because enumerators missed their streets or failed to return to homes of people away on the date of the initial enumeration.

The local Returning Officer could not be reached for comment.

Despite the problems registering voters, an official at the vot-

ing booth in the Halifax riding said there were no problems at the polls.

"We had no one voting who was underage," she said, as pollsters challenged anyone they suspected of being younger than the voting age. Many others who were mistakenly enumerated simply didn't bother to vote.

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# Students ignore education issues

OTTAWA (CUP) — Those best suited to looking out for the interests of post-secondary education — students — ignored the issue during this federal election campaign, Canadian student leaders say.

Members of university student councils from across the country

say their demands to end government underfunding and improving student aid were swept into the political backwash — in favour of an obsession with the free trade agreement.

"All issues but free trade have been lost in this election," said Shawn Rapley, vice president

external of Carleton University's student council. "I'm not going to run into a brick wall."

Rapley didn't bother trying to get students interested in the election, concentrating on a local municipal contest instead.

At a recent forum at Carleton, candidates vying to represent Ottawa-Centre mentioned post-secondary education, but none of the more than 200 students there asked for more information. Free trade was the hot topic.

Karen Bird, president of the students council at Waterloo's Wilfrid Laurier University, said she too was frustrated by the preoccupation with the impact of the Canada-U.S. trade deal.

"We're really taking up the wrong tree if we try to make students aware of (issues) regarding post-secondary education," she said. "We're not talking about issues with a real student perspective."

Bird said there is strong support for the trade agreement at Laurier because one-third of the university's students are enrolled in the school of business.

"I've yet to meet a business student who is opposed (to the agreement). Isn't that frightening?" She said this "pro-Conservative" bias has thwarted her efforts to get students thinking about how the other party platforms might help or hurt higher education.

"We have a less-than-captive audience for those issues," she said. "My job is mobilizing student opinion, but there isn't a lot of opinion to mobilize. It is very frustrating."

With so much free trade rhetoric swirling around the campus, Bird said she was unable to get her own council to promote the interests of students. Like most politicians, she said, her colleagues prefer to ignore student issues. "I'm probably one of the few who are frustrated by it," she said.

Tim Bird, president of the council at the University of British Columbia, said students there botched a chance to give student concerns a national profile when Liberal leader John Turner came to the campus a few weeks ago. Turner's Vancouver Quadra riding includes the sprawling UBC campus.

"We had the perfect opportunity to ask John Turner about post-secondary education," he said "... and we screwed it up. "What bothered me were the trivial questions that were asked. Half the questions I heard, I had to roll my eyes. I was a little bit let down"

But some student leaders don't think focussing on free trade is all that bad.

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## CUP Briefs

### Anthony Griffin is not forgotten

MONTREAL (CUP) — A candle-bearing procession of about 100 walked along the avenue towards police station 15.

Gloria Augustus led the group to the police station parking lot where her son died a year ago. Someone placed a single carnation on the ground where Anthony Griffin's body crumpled — then a police officer ordered them off the premises.

The 19 year old black youth was unarmed and facing Constable Allan Gosset when he was shot in the head November 11, 1987.

The white police officer was charged with manslaughter and acquitted. The verdict is under appeal, and this summer Gosset was fired. But the Montreal's Policemen's Brotherhood recently gave him \$12,000 and a plaque.

"He has committed murder and they're honouring him," Augustus said.

"No one knows the pain and hurt I have suffered. There was no reason for (Anthony's) death."

Griffin's boxing friend Martin Hayes addressed the crowd. "No accidents, no excuses, no justifications," he said. "We can't forget Anthony."

After a brief moment of silence, the group — clutching red carnations and candles — quietly walked around the back of the station to the parking lot.

"You're not allowed on these grounds," blared a police officer through a bullhorn.

"Anthony wasn't supposed to be here either," one woman angrily replied.

Among those at the vigil was Concordia student Nicole Heulihan. She is still outraged by Griffin's death.

"It reminded me of racially motivated brutal acts in Chicago," she said. "Canadians have to take a stand so that the civil rights of all of us will be ensured."

"There is no doubt in my mind it was racially motivated," said Nancy Degraff of the Coalition Against Systematic Oppression (CASO) — one of the groups that organized the vigil.

Daniel Dortelus, a member of Ligue des droits et libertes de Quebec (rights and liberties league), urged the black community to band together against racism.

"The victim on this day is the one who got killed and not the one who pulled the trigger," he said. "If we're not vigilant, they will try to make us believe otherwise."

Toronto politician-activist Lennox Farrell said blacks won't sit back and allow the racism to continue.

"There has never been a time when we haven't confronted our oppressors — racists," Farrell said. "As we stand here thinking of Anthony Griffin, we will never run up a white flag."

While police chief Roland Bourget studies a Quebec Police Commission's Findings on the Gosset case, the slain teenager's mother is pursuing a civil suit against the Montreal police and Gosset.

### UBC baits filmgoers

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Eat a live fish and get in free.

The University of British Columbia Film Society promised just that on a poster advertising its upcoming presentation of A Fish Called Wanda.

Lane Dunlop notified the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The film society's ads referred to a scene in the movie during which one of the characters eats live fish.

Said treasurer Mary Hsi, "The main objective was to have (an ad) that catches the eye. (We) had no intention of anybody eating a live fish."

"I cannot believe the fact that the film society would stoop so low and not realize that they were condoning the killing of these animals in the name of a joke," said Dunlop.

Michael Week, executive director of the SPCA in Vancouver, was initially concerned about the ad but said he was assured by UBC students council president Tim Bird that fish-eating would not take place.

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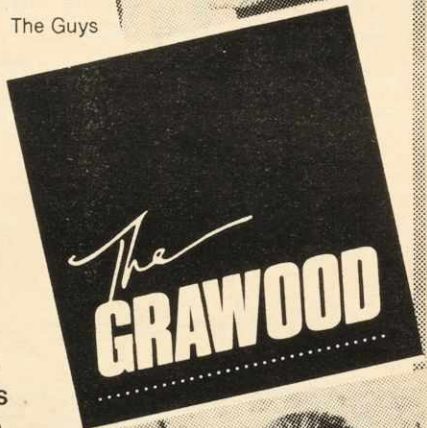


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**I**t was November and I was swathing my cot in mosquito netting and popping anti-malarial tablets. I nodded off to sleep my first night here with "Life During Wartime" playing in my head.

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I woke to the sounds of shouting and heavy traffic two hours later. Muslim countries bed down early, so the noise was a puzzle. Then my roommate, Kumar, told me the president had announced that an indefinite curfew would begin in an hour.

I had just arrived in Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh, where for several weeks the opposition parties had been inciting massive public demonstrations and strikes calling for the resignation of president Hussain Mahammad Ershad.

One of the poorest countries in Asia, Bangladesh is a predominantly Moslem nation of 110 million people which gained independence after 1971.

After a series of military coups in which two presidents were killed, Ershad, an army lieutenant-general, took power in a 1983 coup. Martial law has been intermittently imposed since, and hundreds of political opponents arrested.

Against the advice of the Canadian consulate, I had flown in from Calcutta to see for myself, while staying at the local YMCA. So far in my trek across Western Asia I had endured 10-hour jeep rides with machine-gun toting Afghan rebels, anti-American rallies complete with flag-burnings, and worse, overnight bus rides in India.

Outside, people were scrambling to stock up on necessities, leaving the store shelves bare. I pushed and shoved through the crowds, caught up in food free-for-all.

Anti-government general strikes had succeeded in bringing much of the country

to a grinding halt and president Ershad was taking action. All fundamental rights of citizens were suspended; rallies prohibited; and criticism of government decisions was not advisable during this official state of emergency.

With a small stash of food rations safely tucked away, I climbed on the roof of the Y to watch. Like the calm after the storm, an eerie silence enveloped the city of over 10 million as the curfew approached.

The only sounds came from police trucks, bullhorns, and rifles.

The next day I tried to get out of Dhaka, to head south where I assumed the living was easier. At the railway station I was advised the railworkers were not officially on strike but they weren't working neither. It didn't make much of a difference since most of the track had been blown up the night before.

I went to the communications office to let my loved ones know I was still alive. The grinning little fat man behind the counter laughed when I asked to make a telephone call to Canada.

Next stop — the telegraph office. "Everything fine in Dhaka, Love Tim" read my message. The clerk took it to his boss, who checked it over several times to make sure it contained nothing subversive or that would offend the government. In any event, he insisted on knowing where I was staying.

The airport was closed, the food stalls were closed. I ate whatever I could find, mostly bananas, crackers and peanut butter.

This was a crisis, but it could have been worse. Kumar, a native Bangladeshi, told stories of the 1971 war of independence when he was a boy. He had been shot by Ershad's soldiers while trying to find food for his family. Since 1971 the country has led a precarious existence full of political turmoil and climatic catastrophe, with at least a dozen coups.

Kumar and I sat watching the police

trucks roll past the Y.

I felt sorry for Kumar. He had just returned from the United Kingdom with his master's degree in nutrition. If he had studied in Bangladesh and aligned himself with the military, he would have a job and security. Or he could have worked in the West. Instead he did neither, simply because he felt he owed something to his people. Later he left the Y to stay with a friend and I never heard from him again.

I met two Australian travellers and together we decided to explore the city during curfew, to try and find out what was going on. The local papers were heavily censored and the talk on the street seemed mostly rumour. We tuned into the BBC's

I was in no position to help, but the presence of a foreigner might have stopped even more violent questioning. For the next hour I sat with the police and offered them bribes to let me take pictures of the scene, which I wanted to send to the press, or to let him go. I refused to leave; they told me "no pictures".

While we waited for a commanding officer, an English-speaking cop showed me how to use his tear gas outfit and his 1950s vintage British rifle. The younger policemen were friendly and professed that they didn't like President Ershad's policies or beating children, but a job was a job.

When the commander arrived, I was escorted away from the scene and asked to

# This ain't no fooling around

by Tim Colby  
reprinted from the Charlatan

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nightly newscast on the shortwave to find out all we could about the situation we lived in. Sometimes I tried to bribe police for information, any information about the curfew.

When darkness fell we ventured into the uncertain night, keeping to the alleys where the police wouldn't go for fear of ambush.

Fortunately, when we did stumble on a police patrol or roadblock they were kind enough to hold fire until we explained we were just stupid, lost tourists.

The most memorable incident from my experience in Dhaka wasn't the nightly forays into the desolate streets, or the bomb blast 20 metres behind me. It wasn't the memory of the two-day opium-induced sickness I endured.

What sticks out most in my mind was an incident of police brutality, I had witnessed police beatings in India and Pakistan, but never one involving a child.

I was hurrying home just before the 5 pm curfew, then stopped to talk to a group of police officers. I noticed a scuffle further down the street — they tried to hold me back but I pushed through. The screaming came from a young boy, maybe 10 years old, who was suspected of throwing bombs at police trucks. The police were venting their suspicions — the officer in charge, all 220 pounds of him, standing on the boy's fingers, slowly rocking back and forth. A younger officer pinned him to the ground with blows to the ribs from his billy club.

leave in no uncertain terms.

Stealing one last look, I saw the dirty, crying boy surrounded by police, shouting questions and backhanding him across the face. His hysterical mother stood on the sidelines. That's when I decided it was time to get out of town.

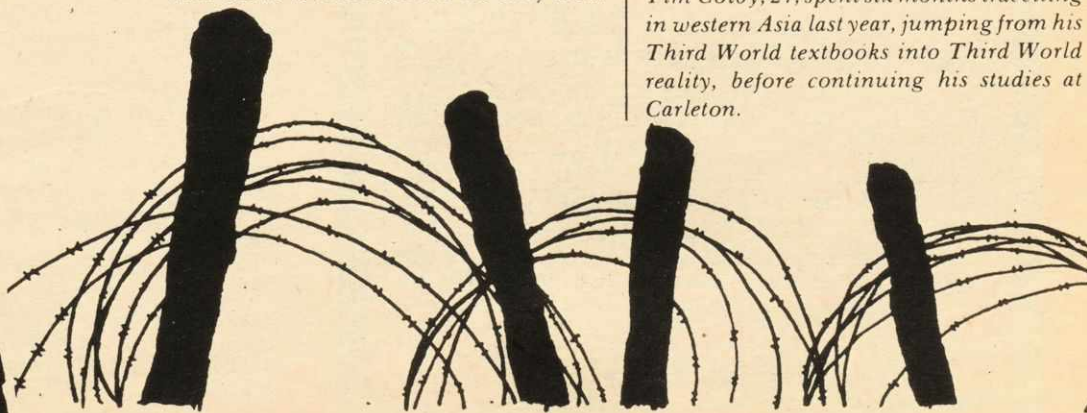
I spent most of that night, my last in Bangladesh, sitting on the roof of the Y, just thinking. I remembered visiting my rickshaw driver's family, living in a hovel in view of the luxurious Dhaka Sheraton hotel.

Or the slum children down by the river and how they love it when I tried to juggle oranges, or brought them bananas or sweets. It was easy to buy some fleeting smiles — so many outstretched hands and pleading eyes — with a few rupees. When I fell headfirst in the mud down by the river, they brought out half the village down to see the stupid Canadian covered in shit (literally). And there was shit everywhere. Diarrhea is one of the leading causes of death in flood-prone Bangladesh.

The airport finally reopened just a mass of white people trying to get away and I was one of them.

Now I'm back here, studying Third World development, and they're back there, with their slums and million dollar jetfighters and tanks. I wondered what the future held for myself, for Kumar, for the boy beaten by the police, and for all children of Dhaka.

*Tim Colby, 24, spent six months travelling in western Asia last year, jumping from his Third World textbooks into Third World reality, before continuing his studies at Carleton.*







## But settlement yet to be ratified

The threat of legislation. The spectre of inquiry commissioner Brian Outhouse shuttling back and forth between two exhausted bargaining teams, first warning the administration of a publicity debacle if there is no settlement (never mind lawsuits), then warning faculty that if they refused his terms, he would promptly file his recommendations with the province, who would then enact them in back-to-work legislation.

But that legislation would take two weeks to happen, effectively scrapping the term and losing the

DFA any sympathy.

To avoid this, the DFA executive was persuaded by their bargaining team to sign the tentative agreement. The DFA's chief negotiator says signing that agreement meant that they agreed the members should then go back to work.

Tell it to the pros. One history professor feels betrayed by the executive that sent him back to work first and told him the details of the deal later. He feels coerced into ratifying the deal because it would be too unfair to throw students back into a strike again. He

also will give make-up classes, although the DFA executive also agreed to the administration's refusal to compensate profs for doing so.

The deal the DFA achieved reflects major concessions. They asked for 12 per cent. They got seven per cent. They asked for 16 per cent in career development increment (CDI, or steps). They got 3.7 per cent in 1988-89.

Professors, while content to see the wage gap closed and non-monetary issues settled, also note that the cost of living (what they call the income maintenance) is 3.7 per cent. That's far below the six per cent won by St. Mary's faculty in the first year of their three-year contract, and the six per cent won by Acadia faculty.

Economics professor Melvin Cross agrees that the DFA made these concessions to get a deal and protect the students' term. Did the DFA compromise too much? "No comment," says Cross.

One professor who will comment is Mike Shepherd, whose computer department is wearing black armbands to protest the deal. He says he'd rather have been legislated back to work than agree to the deal.

He's insulted that they administration won't pay for the professors to make up courses because they feel students won't care if they get these lectures or not. But

Election '88:

## Canada divided

A Conservative majority — unbelievable! I'm told I shouldn't be surprised but I am. Where were all those avid opponents of free trade who were on the radio and TV for the past seven weeks?

Opposition to the deal wasn't just a creation of the media. Look at Atlantic Canada, we are obviously against the deal. The east went to the Liberals reversing a traditional Conservative trend.

In fact, the Conservatives received only 43 percent of the popular vote across the country, despite a resounding majority. The results of this election, which became a referendum on free trade, are deceiving. One cannot dispute that the Conservatives got a whopping majority of the seats but this doesn't mean Canada's a country united in favour of free trade. Fifty-seven percent of the vote against free trade indicates that we are a country split down the centre.

The Liberals have conceded defeat and the NDP have agreed that obstructing the deal further

he's also angry that the DFA executive agreed to this.

Students are also left out in the cold by this uncertainty over make-up classes. We can only

wait for the next senate meeting to resolve this messy situation, which has resulted from a hasty settlement.

Heather Hueston

Opponents of free trade have not changed their minds and they have elected representatives to oppose the deal in government. Those representatives should not be conceding defeat but continuing what they have been given a mandate to do: ensure that our fears about the deal will not be realized.

— Ellen Reynolds

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## Letters

### Profs "shat on"

To the Editors:

So, the strike is finally over. We can all get back to classes and things will be normal again. At least that is what the University Administration would like us to believe. Most of us were both shocked and relieved this morning to awaken to the announcement that classes were on today — shocked at the virtual lack of notice given to us and relieved that the strike is over and we can get back to the business of learning. Most of the Faculty were equally shocked to hear that they were no longer on strike and I

suspect that most lectures that were given today had an obvious "thrown together" air about them. However, I don't think that they were relieved to back to work today. Something (or should I say "nothing") just isn't right.

An agreement was reached, I guess. I sat in our Departmental Lounge today and listened to a very discouraged and demoralised group of professors. The issues they kept discussing were not money-related, even though the tentative contract fell short of their wage demands: Most seemed to think that they gained ground on some important issues, not the least of which was the question of equality of pay for women faculty. No, they are angry over the post-strike attitude towards them and towards the students that the Administration seems to be expressing. They are totally shocked and upset that the

Administration is going to just ignore the past three weeks — that the plan for making up lost time is to just act as if anything that would have been taught during that time simply isn't important. As one professor aptly put it: "We've been shat on."

The Administration had promised students throughout the entire strike that they would live by the Senate resolution that students who respected picket lines would not be formally penalised. I guess they're sticking to their word — you can't be penalised for missing something if it's really "nothing"; namely, coursework and knowledge that the Administration is willing into nonexistence.

Last week I attended a forum held by Donald Betts, Dean of Science, to discuss possibilities for making up the lost time. He mentioned such scenarios as adjusting the lengths of the A and B terms, rescheduling exams, extending the school year and (the least popular) cancelling the spring break. While students were not happy at any of these prospects, I got the general feeling that everyone at this forum was willing to "bite the bullet" to further their education. A straw vote at the end of the forum showed that students were even willing to lose their break week to make up for the lost time. Alas, this whole exercise appears to have been "academic". The Administration seems to have taken the view that Dean Betts expressed at one point during the forum when he told a story about how he had received a "first class mark" in a course even though he

had not attended a single class after Christmas. The Administration is telling us that the time we spend in the classroom is not important. In fact, they are telling us that going to lectures does not have any effect on our education at Dalhousie. I beg to differ, but I get a helluva lot out of my professors' lectures and I'm willing to put my neck out and say that a lot of other Dalhousie students find lectures invaluable, if not essential, to learning.

What does this sort of attitude say about the seriousness of Dalhousie's new focus on undergraduate education? Essentially we have been misled about the value this University places on learning. It is clear that during the past three weeks we have paid tuition for absolutely nothing — but that's what we would have gotten anyways, according to the Administration. Why do we push ourselves to get assignments done, to study for midterms and exams, when really — they are nothing. Stop. The work we do is not "nothing". Most of us put serious efforts into our studies and expect to be taken seriously when we express our concerns about our education. It becomes discouraging to us, however, when we are told that what we would have been studying if there had been no strike is not important enough for us to worry about making up lost time: How can we motivate ourselves to do "nothing"? It is clear that the cliched statement that "the Administration believes the University is here for them" has shown itself to be a truth at this University once again. They'll

tell us, I'm sure, that what has been decided is the best thing for the University. Meanwhile, in the background, some professors are dusting off their resumes and looking for jobs at other universities. They are looking to find a university where they can do something, rather than the "nothing" that they are told they have been doing all along at Dalhousie. I think I'll follow them because I'd like to do something as well.

— Mark MacLean

## Sacrificial lambs

To the Editors:

I just do not understand! There was a time when students formed an institution, hired their teachers, and called it a University.

Today, the Administration decides who will go to university, and the Faculty decides if in fact we shall be permitted to keep going, after we have paid our thousands of dollars to go.

And well, if the Faculty goes on strike, if the Administration refuses to settle, well, that's just too bad for the stupid student that couldn't predict a strike this year! I don't know about the rest of the students, but this year is costing me \$30,000. Ten thousand dollars to go to the University and simply exist here while I study and the twenty thousand I would be making if in fact I was working this year and not in school. AND let's



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not even mention the fact that some power beyond my control has the right to destroy one year of my life!

What if I had only two years to live? What if my future depends on a career which starts upon my graduation, May of 1989, and this is the only chance I'll get? What if the ozone layer decides to quit? The Greenhouse effect? World pollution? Star Wars becomes a reality?

Here I sit, typing this letter, when I feel like I should be standing in front of the A&A building screaming my lungs out continually!

Why are we accepting this as if it has nothing to do with us, when in fact, it affects us more than anyone else involved or evolving this mess! No one even asked us! Sacrificial lambs, that's all we are, not students, not humans, not real lives. . . And here we just sit and sit and wait and the odd fool writes a useless letter like this!

Catherine G. Cross

## A faculty opinion

To the editors:

As a member of the Dalhousie Faculty Association on strike I should like to make some comments to the students — my own opinions of course and not those of the DFA since I am not an official spokesperson for my union.

In the first place — and I think students appreciate this already — faculty members are extremely reluctant to do anything which harms the students. I have been on the faculty for 25 years and have never missed a class if I could possibly avoid it. The reason: I enjoy teaching, I enjoy interacting with students and I have a strong sense of responsibility that I should do my best for them. I also think it is a pleasure and an honour to be a professor in a university and work in a milieu of reason and intelligent debate. I hope I can be back in my classroom and working with students as soon as possible.

In spite of all that I am now refusing to teach — with the rest of the DFA, I am on strike. We feel strongly enough on the issues that we accept a severe penalty, the loss of our pay, for our refusal to teach on the terms the administration offers. The administrators, whose intransigence is also preventing our students from having their classes, accept no penalties: they continue to take their high salaries without providing the services for which they are paid.

The ultimate reason for our resolve is the conviction that present directions are disastrous for the future of Dalhousie University. Our university cannot exist as a world apart from the rest of the Canadian academic community. We have to compete on the market for well qualified academics and we have to be able to offer them, when they choose to come here, prospects for career earnings and opportunities that are comparable to what they may expect elsewhere. We cannot be known as Canada's academic

poorhouse and still offer students from this region the quality of faculty and the quality of education they can look for in other parts of the country.

The other problem — as I see it — is more convoluted: we cannot be attractive to more students if we cannot offer a good quality and a good variety of programs that meet their interests, and we cannot maintain these programs unless we have more students. The student-teacher ratios are low in much of our university (though not in professional programs, which work to fixed ratios) and that makes the cost per student high. The response of the administration to this is to say we must lower the number of faculty to make the programmes more cost effective. The number of faculty members, however, required to offer good programs at the undergraduate and graduate level does not depend solely on student-teacher ratios. The programs themselves require that we be able to cover a number of areas with staff that are qualified in each area.

Practically every department and school in the university (I don't know of exceptions — and expect this applies to our professional faculties as well) is struggling to mount undergraduate and, in many cases, graduate programs with smaller faculty numbers than in any comparable institution in Canada. We don't have excess faculty, we have less than we need to fulfill our present objectives. Further, attrition can only mean our programs do not deserve to attract good students — and if we can't attract students we can't maintain the programs.

### Look at all the letters.

Keep them coming, but remember, they must be typed and double-spaced.

Perhaps we need to examine the number of programs we offer — but there again there are implications for the numbers of students we can attract. If graduate programs were the ones to be axed not only would our students be deprived of the opportunity to do work at that level in our province, but our ability to attract high quality faculty members for other programs would be reduced. Without the opportunity to work at graduate levels and to do research with graduate students a lot of our faculty would leave and a lot of capable people would not come.

In the end we have to face the fact that it costs a lot of money to run a good university — and it requires careful management of resources to make sure the money goes in the right places. It also requires some vision and conviction about the role of the university in our society. If we lack these things we shall probably get what we deserve! For my part, I hope we can find the means and commitment to keep a good university and get back to work.

Robert L. Comeau  
Professor  
Dept. Of Economics

## Media death squads

To the Editors:

I am writing the letter to raise my voice and call upon you to raise yours against the major danger posed to democracy by the monopoly-owned media, the three "major" political parties and their allies. In the current election, the rich are providing them with all the facilities, while my candidacy is brazenly discriminated against, and the people treated as voting cattle.

One such facility is the farce of "all candidate's meetings" where the three major parties are given every privilege, the format is organized according to their dictate, and question-periods tailor-made so that the real concerns of the people cannot surface:

1. The organizer of the YWCA meeting told me that the PCs and Liberals refused to debate with any but the 3 parties on the podium while the NDP stated he would only give up part of his time if the other two also agreed.
2. On Nov. 1, I was personally informed by Brad Whalley, president of SMUSA that, in reply to their request for a meeting at SMU, "I was told that they had an agreement to speak at only one university."
3. On Nov. 9, 10 and 12 meetings sponsored by the Public Service Alliance, Dal Students' Union and the Labour Council were confined only to the three parties or with the inclusion of Her

Majesty's loyal opposition, the Moscow "Communist". Mr Terry Crowley, representing the Dal Council introduced the meeting by stating that "we had originally decided to limit it to the three major parties but when the Communist Party actively solicited inclusion, we decided to invite him as well."

4. Speaking frankly, Mr. Crowley was engaging in cover-up and duplicity. My official agent had approached him 10 days before, on Nov. 1 about inviting myself only to be abruptly told, without discussion, "it is absolutely out of the question", with the "reason" being "we would have to put up a new poster, spend money", etc.

5. Incredibly, these 4 candidates then had agreed beforehand to take only 12 questions (I was the 13th person at the mike).

6. When the dockyard workers were taking McInnes to task for his betrayal of their cause, Mr. Crowley intervened, saying "this is a debate amongst the candidates, not between the candidates and the people." By their silence, the candidates agreed. This precisely expresses the danger to democracy.

Democracy means the exercise

of the will of the people, but the electors are reduced to being mere spectators.

Democracy means that the deputy must render account for his actions to the people, the electors, but these politicians through such forms or through "media opportunities" shield themselves from the people like kings on the stage.

Like the mass media and the three parties, the students' council and the trade union centrals have already decided who the winner (the three parties) will be and the loser. People are trapped into the three parties and made their hostage. This is then called democratic. It is no more democratic than elections in El Salvador: the only difference is the media and others perform the role of the death squads. Any other candidate or party, according to them, is a joke. Through the label "fringe candidate" character assassination is committed as a norm. You students have been politically disenfranchised, and your vote has been pre-empted. When everything is said and done, it is the three parties and the mass media which will be the winners, and the people who will be the losers. If you are bemused by this drama and farce of the federal elections, then you too can call yourself a winner. I will be a loser along with the rest of the people. I do not like this a bit. The people do not like this one bit either.

150 years ago, Nova Scotia democrats warned against the danger of the "Committee of 12" which dominated political and economic life in our province. No less dangerous a "12" dominate political life today.

As your reporter correctly urged ("Marxist-Leninist made the most sense: debate loses track of topic") students must take a good look behind the pretty words and see the substance. Nay more, if we are to exercise our sovereign rights and control our lives, we must also defeat the dangers posed by the three major parties, the media and those such as Mr. Crowley, who operate just like them, as a threat to democracy and the interests of the people, including those of students.

Tony Seed

Indep. Candidate  
(Marxist-Leninist)

## Students should organize

To the Editors:

In the past weeks there has been much discussion about the strike by the faculty here at Dal. At first the news did not seem to alarm anyone, but as the weeks went by, there were an increasing number of concerns about it.

Some students feel that their academic situation will be affected. Others are confident the strike won't last long, and that there's no need to panic. Well, this is an indication that not everyone has been properly informed.

It is every student's responsibility and right to understand the situation at hand. No agreement

has of yet been made between the faculty and the Board of Governors. The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) has rejected the contract proposal already offered to them. Thus, a strike.

The sooner people start putting pressure on the administration, the sooner the strike will be over. This is our education, and we the students should not have to suffer for administration's problems. We must take action immediately in order to obtain quick results. If we do not act, the possibility of the strike lasting for a while is quite probable.

So, sign a petition, organize a protest, complain to the administration. We have a voice in this matter and we should be heard; the louder the better.

Jennifer Wylie

## Victims of society

To the Editors:

The universities' method of selecting and accepting students is unfair. How can universities distinguish a person's ability and personality by a grade point average?

Students spend twelve to thirteen years of their life in junior and high school. After graduating out of grade twelve academic, they should be allowed to attend university. High average should not be their ticket.

I had a friend in grade twelve with me at Liverpool Regional High School. Having a 62 per cent average, he applied to Acadia, Dalhousie, and UNB. He could not get accepted to further his education. In Liverpool this year, he will pursue the same courses as last. No matter how you twist this, you have to agree, he had a year of his education stolen.

I was pushed off the major highway into a bushy trail also. I graduated along the side of my friend at LRHS. I had a 60 per cent average and felt that I had earned my entry into university. Instead, I had my future goals rearranged. I am in university this year but only as a TYP student (Transition Year Program). Passing this year will enable me to attend regular university next year. The problem is, I waste a year and acquire no credits.

Here at Dalhousie University, I see students who had 70-80 per cent averages coming out of high school. These same people are failing and robbing other students' positions. I would like to be taking a BA or BSc. But my graduating marks would not allow me. I feel my friend and I are victims of society.

The performance to acquire a higher educational status is demanding and pressuring. This performance is even more frictionated by the university's method of selection. My friend and I are capable and eager students. We should be taking a BA or BSc, not TYP and high school.

— Cory Francis





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## Education issues

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"Even though we are students, we are also citizens," said Mark Cameron, council vice president external at Montreal's McGill University. "We can't be insular and look only at our own concern."

Cameron said the trade agreement will have a greater impact on the lives of students than any promises to change education funding.

"Free trade interrelates with almost every other issue."

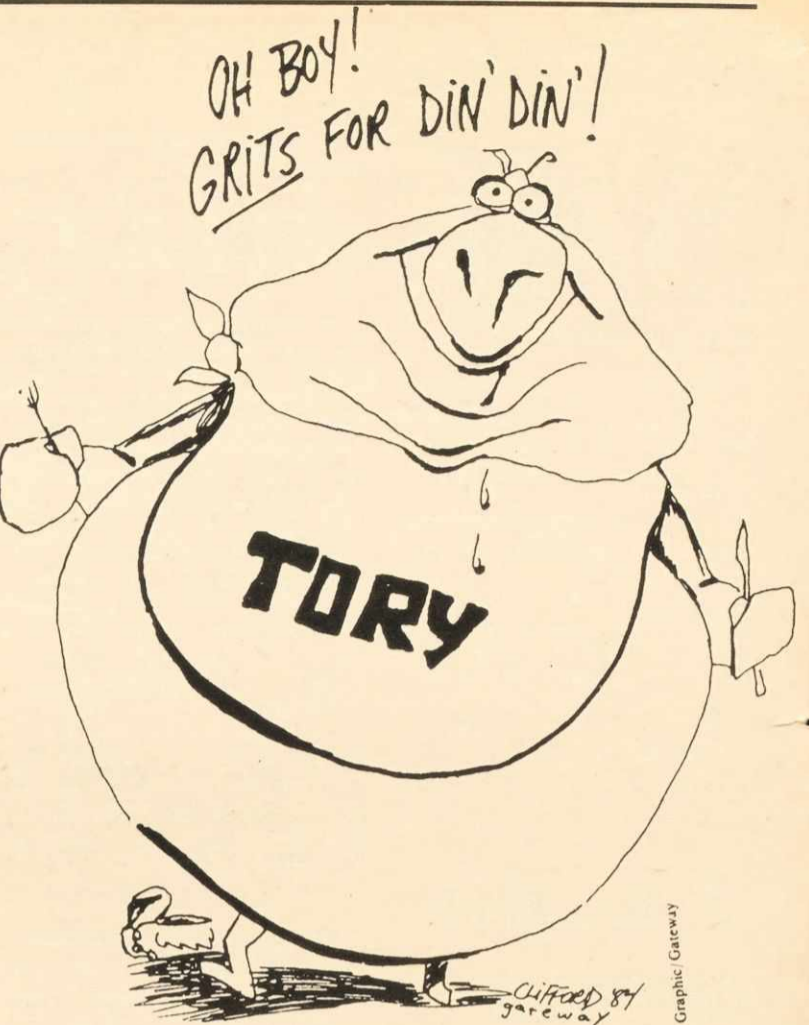
Students at McGill are concerned about how the trade pact will affect their chances for a job and Canada's political sovereignty, Cameron said.

Beth Brown, chair of the national lobby group the Canadian Federation of Students, argued that most student councils had succeeded at raising awareness about student issues. She denied that the 400,000-member organization had failed to capture the attention of federal politicians and the media.

There's nothing like a faculty strike to get students interested in post-secondary education issues. The walk-out at Dalhousie has raised the profile of government underfunding, said council treasurer Frank DeMont. An all-candidates forum attracted over 800 people. Underfunding was brought up, DeMont said.

In a recent editorial in its monthly newsletter, the Canadian Association of University teachers stated it was difficult to get students and politicians to talk about anything but free trade.

"What is being left out of the



debate is the role of universities and research in a future where Canada relies even more on the intelligent use of its brightest people," the editorial stated.

"The USA is spending more on each student. . . Canada lags behind its major economic competitors in the amount of resources devoted to research. What effects will this have on our future ability to compete? If academics do not make sure these questions are raised nobody else will."

## Post-strike

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of the term after a two week duration of the strike. The Board said after two weeks' time, students would be informed by the administration of steps being taken so students don't lose their term.

Roger Crawford, one of three law students who have filed a law suit against the university for damages suffered during the strike, indicated his concern for stress and hardship being faced by students who are not receiving the education for which they paid.

None of the members of the Board of Governors commented on this statement.

At the end of the open portion of the meeting, Shayna Watson (a student member of the Board of Governors) presented a bill for \$880,000 to the administration for service not delivered during the strike to date.

## Covered?

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if they used a condom and they say "No. I don't like them."

The counsellor said heterosexuals have a problem using condoms because the Pill has been an easy and efficient birth control method for years.

"They see the condom as a drastically archaic method. they say it reduces sensitivity and causes a loss of erection." But she said these notions are entirely psychological.

She said the heterosexual community denies the necessity of condoms, while the gay community and prostitutes are now readily accepting them.

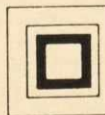
"The heterosexual community still believes only a gay person can get AIDS. This is misinformation that taps into homophobia. People like to blame somebody."



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NFB series:

# Women fight poverty

by Lynda Cassels

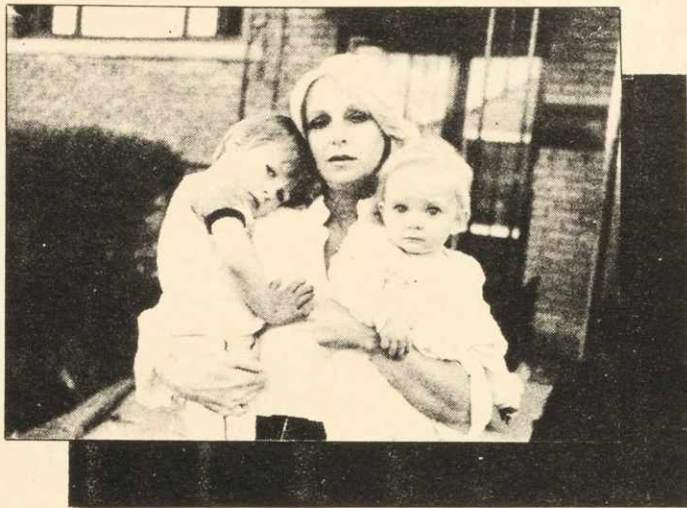
"After divorce, the standard of living for a Canadian woman can drop by as much as 73%, while divorced men on average enjoy a standard of living 42% higher than when they were married."

A murmur of agreement ripples through the audience. On screen, a young woman with a baby under an arm and a three year old tugging at the other scans the classifieds for an affordable apartment.

The film is *For Richer, For Poorer*, a no-frills expose of a middle-class woman trying to free herself and her children from a violent marriage. Produced by Silva Basmajian for the National Film Board, *For Richer, For Poorer* is the second film in a planned five-part series entitled "The Feminization of Poverty".

Haligonians had the opportunity to view the first two instalments in the series last Friday night. Over thirty-five people who shunned the attractions of a Halifax night on the town in favour of a free movie at the NFB were sympathetic and attentive, seeking to understand a social phenomenon which has been consistently overlooked in Canada: over three-fifths of this country's poor are women.

Being poor, says former British Columbia cabinet minister and feminist Rosemary Brown, is simply being unable to afford sufficient food, decent housing, and



**For Richer, For Poorer.** 85 per cent of Canadian men default on maintenance payments after divorce.

proper clothing.

The first film in the series, *No Way Not Me*, is drawn from a lecture Brown delivered to a group of high school students last year. This is an "images and stats" film, and its message is clear. Women are poor, Brown insists, because the image of an idyllic and inevitable wife/mother role is dangled before them from childhood on, perpetuated and exploited by the media through advertising and the nebulous messages of popular rock videos.

"We are taught to wait," Brown tells her teenage audience in the film, "never taking our rights or responsibilities

seriously." A few of the teens agree; others appear skeptical.

If the media of the '80s taunts women with an ideal of simultaneous corporate and domestic success, Rosemary Brown doesn't see it. To her the dominant message is consistent with what women have been hearing for centuries — namely, that they needn't worry. Some nice man will marry them and look after them. Obviously this notion is as much a misrepresentation today as ever, if not more so. The solution, Brown concludes, lies in education, financial independence and a restructuring of the wage system for traditionally

female occupations.

Between films the audience shifts in their seats, reflects, gets up for more free popcorn the women perhaps questioning to what extent they have had to fight the image of female fragility and passivity which persistently suggests itself, however subtly; the men perhaps reflecting on the image of self-sufficiency and financial success with which they may have felt pressured to conform. The *For Richer, For Poorer* begins.

The audience meets Joan. Unskilled and with two small children, she is the epitome of the battered, abandoned wife. Since leaving her husband she has moved sixteen times.

As the camera follows Joan through her daily struggle to find a job and a roommate so that welfare won't kick her out of her two-bedroom Toronto apartment, it becomes apparent that her most immediate problem is her husband's refusal to produce the child-care payments they had agreed to. She is lucky; a lawyer agrees to work with her under a legal aid programme. But the financial difficulties only complicate Joan's job search and attempt at skills training.

Like most single parent families, the prospects of Joan and her children finding a permanent home depend on Joan's ability to land a job which pays substantially more than the minimum wage. The most poignant words

in this all-too-realistic film are those of her three year old son as they settle into yet another apartment:

"Is this house our home, Mommy? Is this house ours?" More heads in the audience nod in sympathy.

As the credits roll up the screen three Halifax women are introduced to lead a post-film discussion: lawyer Maureen Shebib from Dalhousie Legal Aid; Suzanne Copan, a worker with Adsum House, a temporary shelter for women in Halifax; and Brenda Thompson, a single mother and full-time student who ran for office in September's provincial election.

Statistics presented in the films are re-iterated. Eighty-five per cent of Canadian men default on maintenance payments after divorce; 85% of all single-parent families live below the poverty line, compared to 14% for single-parent families headed by men.

During the discussion it is generally agreed that most of these inequities can be attributed to an inflexible welfare system, shortages of affordable housing and daycare and the persistent lack of adequate basic skills training for young women. Shebib emphasized the need not for welfare "reform" but for a complete restructuring of the social services system to better accommodate single-parent families.

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# Tune in, turn on, beat bust

by Andrew M. Duke

The departure of R.E.M. from the I.R.S. label is marked by the just-released *Eponymous* LP, a greatest hits compilation of sorts. The album includes "The One I Love", "It's the end of the World As We Know It" and a reworking of "Finest Worksong", this time with horns added to the mix. Along with these singles from *Document*, the previous release, are found favourites such as "Fall On Me", "Driver 8" and "So. Central Rain". Die-hard R.E.M. fans will no doubt appreciate the inclusion of the original recording of "Radio Free Europe".

The self-titled debut from Minneapolis-based funksters *Information Society* (WEA) is a solid effort. The dance mix of the initial single, "What's On Your Mind (Pure Energy)" topped club lists and the radio version seems ready to do the same. The Latin-flavoured "Running", an American chart-topper for the band in 1985, is included in addition to a tasteful cover of ABBA's "Lay All Your Love On Me". The INSOC crew have thankfully been able to take advantage of technology in

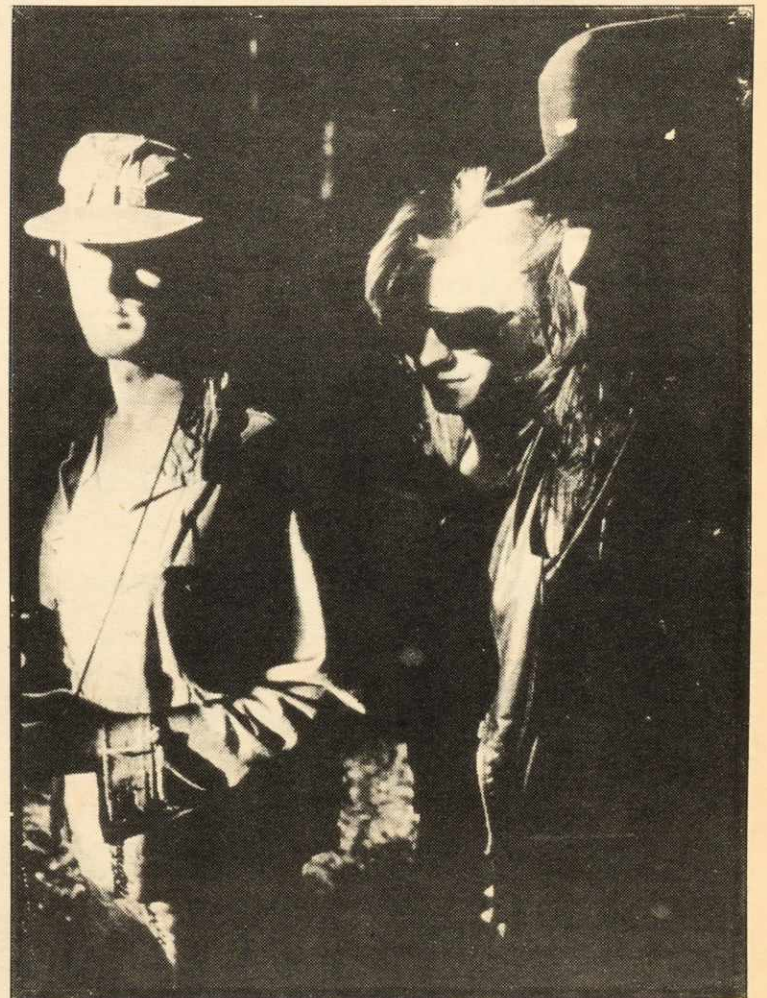
an age where it often destroys music.

The same cannot be said for *Will to Power* (CBS). "Say It's Gonna Rain" is a fine single, but this does not make up for what the other songs on the album lack: originality. Songwriter Bob Rosenberg has cooked up quite the bland musical soup. On the new Heaven 17 album, *Teddy Bear, Duke & Psycho* (A&M), the songs are distinct, yes, but they have tried much too hard in their attempt to be heard on everyone's radio. The result is an over-produced, jarring LP that sounds more like the latest Godley and Creme than Heaven 17, a band who used to be content to do whatever they wished and still manage to produce something danceable.

*Now, Rap's What I Call Music!* (PolyGram) is the compilation to purchase if dancing is your thing. James Brown's "The Payback Mix", a Coldcut-produced track that uses bits of his past hits to create something new, is featured as are the massive club hits "Pump Up the Volume" by M/A/R/R/S and Simon Harris'

"Bass (How Low Can You Go)". In addition, you'll find Tony! Toni! Tone!'s anti-drug song (and a funky one at that) "Little Walter" and "House Arrest (The Beat Is the Law)" the British sensation from KRUSH, plus The Housemartins' B-side, "Rap Around the Clock", and more. . .

Considering past releases, the new Skinny Puppy album *VIVIsect VI* (Netwerk/Capitol) is a smack in the face and this is not a bad thing. "We are not evil. We do reflect that which is putrid and rotten all around" says vocalist Nivek Ogre. Laboratory animals are being tortured every day and this is the information that is being put across by this album and its accompanying tour. *VIVIsect VI* is complete in that it has focus but does not become claustrophobic. "Dogshit" was the first single, one of the heaviest tracks the band has recorded. The follow-up is "Testure", written specifically for the radio in order to increase awareness. Don't expect to hear it, though. This is a smack in the face, not a joke, Ogre would say. You can't help but get it.



**Skinny Puppy's new album is "a smack in the face"**





Photo courtesy of Grafton Street

The cast, who are also the restaurant staff of the Grafton Street Theatre, take an outing to HMS Sackville for their production of HMCS Feast Ashore.

# Feast on Theatre

by Michelle Tibeau

Imagine being able to drop in on the past, not just to watch, but to participate. Perhaps going to a club, here in Halifax, during the war for some entertainment.

The "Corvette Club" is open for business this season during the production of H.M.C.S. Feast Ashore at the Grafton Street Dinner Theatre. You can enjoy a night of good food and great entertainment, and you can even join in the fun.

The shows start at 7:30pm and end around 10:30pm (but you never know). You are greeted at the door by the owner of the Club, seated and waited on by the actors. They serve drink and meals, and when the show is over they clean up the dishes. The entertainment begins with song and dance, but mixed in are conflicts between the characters which are resolved by the end of the meal. The only comparison that can be made is to a musical movie in which the cast interacts with the audience.

In the end you come out prepared to face food rationing, help the Red Cross and go home to face another day of the war, knowing there is a place to go for excitement.

This form of theatre originated in P.E.I. with the Governor's Feasts and has spread all over Canada in some form or other. Feasts are the new rage; here in Halifax alone there are a couple, and the tourists as well as Haligonians seem to thrive off them.

Because there is so much audience input the scripted part of the show is only one hour long. The other two-thirds of the work is improvisation. This may sound like fun, which it is, but it is also hard work, especially since roles and the show's length sometimes change.

The whole environment created during the evening is so alive and exciting that it makes you want to go read up on the war and go back and join in more of the action. Not a bad idea, since the show is never quite the same twice!

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## Students Publish

by Shelly Galliah

*Proem Canada*, a biannual magazine of poetry and short fiction, is premiering its first issue in February, 1989.

The magazine will provide national exposure to promising authors between the ages of 16 to 26. Aiming to elucidate the diversity of Canadian expression, it will also feature native and ethnic writing.

Out of a small literary publication at Trent University which focussed only on the talents of that community, *Proem* was born. Its co-founder, Chris Magwood, realized the necessity in expanding the university maga-

zine to a national periodical. What emerged was *Proem Canada*, a forum for young talent where gifted literary proteges may perfect their skills.

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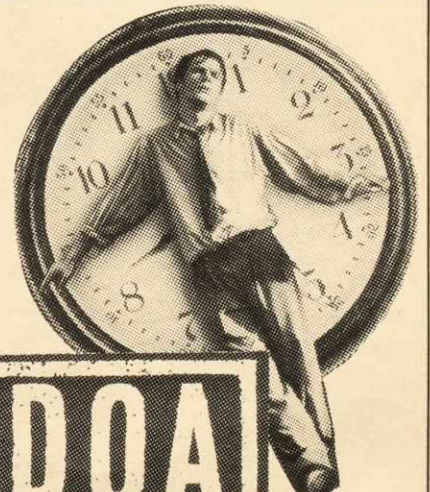
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## Frank cuts the crap

by Lisa Clifford

"Frank by name, frank by nature", boasts the cover of *Frank* magazine, Halifax's answer to hard-hitting journalism.

*Time* or *Newsweek* this ain't. In fact, *Frank* more resembles those supermarket tabloids we all love to read while waiting in those endless checkout lines.

In the November 23 issue, for example, the cover features a smiling John Turner saying, "I smell victory," while in the background a cynical woman sneers, "I still say he stinks." This may prove offensive to Liberal supporters but highly amusing to those who believe that Mr. Turner should abandon politics in favour of peanut farming.

*Frank*, published every two weeks in Halifax, appears critical of everyone. Such stories as "Sport in the Blood" poke fun at hunters by branding them as

stupid, cowardly, semi-alcoholics. Truly, the shooting of defenseless animals seems a strange sport, and *Frank* makes its position on this issue very clear.

Branded by an angry reader as a "trash-filled gossip magazine" *Frank* fills many pages with stories about political life. It refers to many politicians as "my friend" but seems to have a low opinion of the local television show *Live at Five*, which it calls "Steve Couchpotatoe's ATV Show."

Such socially relevant issues as the lack of public washrooms during Halifax's big street festivals receive an expose in *Frank*. The problem is examined in some depth and features fascinating interviews with prominent local citizens such as Jim MacLean. Says MacLean, "the special events committee looked into the use of \$100 portable toilets but suitable locations couldn't be found." This is truly

exciting stuff.

Lest anyone think that *Frank* isn't a serious magazine, we have the following article: Chief Provincial Magistrate Harry How had to "remonstrate with a fellow motorist blocking his way into the Law Courts parking garage." In follow-up article in this week's *Frank*, it was revealed by Judge How himself that the problem occurred because he couldn't get past the motorist into his reserved parking space. We see the brilliant mind of Judge How as he suggests a system by which an extra entrance is added for customers with a reserved spot.

Pick up next week's hard-hitting *Frank* and find out the grim details of the alcohol-dazed hunter who accidentally shoots his foot. Discover if Steve "Couchpotato" Murphy sues *Frank* for libel, or perhaps find the answer to this week's burning question — can Halifax afford not to invest in a public toilet?

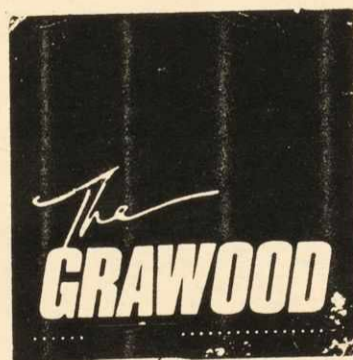
Sunday night at the Grawood:

## No booze, but loads of coffee and entertainment

by Shelley Galliah

The second most popular student beverage is available on Sundays from 8pm - 11pm at the Grawood Cafe. But one need not be a breaking study bug to appreciate this relaxing, toned-down atmosphere. It's a welcoming alcohol-free alternative to an otherwise monotonous Sunday and a refreshing end to a wild party weekend. Since the cafe aims to be open to all students, the idea of obtaining a liquor license was rejected. It gives an opportunity for the below 19 crowd to experience the Grawood.

The present variety of coffees and teas is limited, but the selection promises to improve as the cafe becomes more popular. Otherwise, the snacking menu tempts the tastebuds with the three big c's: cookies, croissants, and cheesecakes. The strike has deadened this weekly affair somewhat, but at least two dozen heads still populated the Grawood last Sunday.

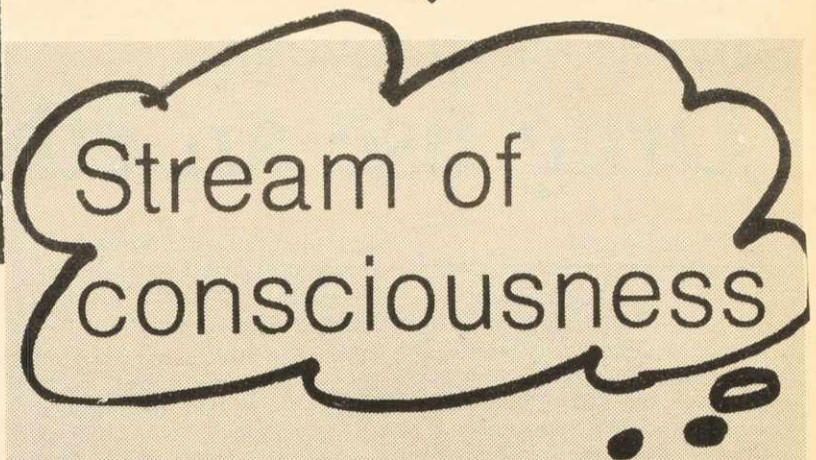


The entertainment is particularly enjoyable. Last Sunday, three performers humbly strummed their guitars to the dreamy sounds of folk rock. Treating the audience were Gerry Arsenault, Steve Haller, and Dennis Brown. The cafe serves as a stress-free stage to display local talent, and it wishes to recruit all closet musicians who are not

afraid of taking a risk. It is guaranteed you won't be heckled or assaulted with soggy fruit. However, the cafe is not encouraging the jam session scene. The music should provide a relaxing background and not crowd casual conversation. This is only to warn radicals and post-punks that a rousing rendition of "God Save the Queen" would not be properly appreciated.

Although presently the cafe is operated solely by two organizers, Michelle Clairmont and Jerry Arsenault, volunteers are welcomed. The word "volunteer" is stressed because the cafe is a non-profit affair. Its performers are only singing for a few cups of coffee, as the cafes modest weekly aim is only to break even.

Be sure to drop in before December 18 or skip by when the Grawood Cafe reopens its doors in second semester.



by Andre Narbonne  
(Chair of the BS Poetry Society)

What was it Warhol said? In the future everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes? He didn't mention how long it would take you to get famous for that fifteen minutes. Weeks? Months? Years?

The monthly sweatshops being hosted in the Grawood allow just half an hour. Impossible? I suppose. How many people have become famous in the past from a poem written in thirty minutes using a theme found on a randomly drawn thesaurus page?

Picture this: T.S. Eliot saunters into a sweatshop and picks out a page with the words "bang, antonym whimper" on it. Of course, he's up against stiff competition.

At the table across from him sits Robert Frost, his words, "dark" and "deep".

No, it's unlikely you'll get famous at a sweatshop. There is every chance that amidst the frustration, the soul-searching semantics, you'll arrive at a winning poem. That in itself is worth twenty-five dollars. Still, playing the game is more important than winning. If, in half an hour, you can find within yourself a better understanding of life, love, death the universe or free trade, who's to say that you've lost?

Future sweatshops at the Grawood will be hosted on January 17, February 14, and March 14 at 8:30pm. Admission to these events is free. For more information contact Judy Guthrie at 424-3774.

## Women

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Suzanne Copan introduces another issue, the disturbing correlation of poverty and youth. Of the four hundred women who pass through the shelter each year, over half are between the ages of 16 and 25. Most stay only until they find a place to stay — usually a single room or place in a boarding house. Many have children.

As discussion winds down, a final question comes from the audience.

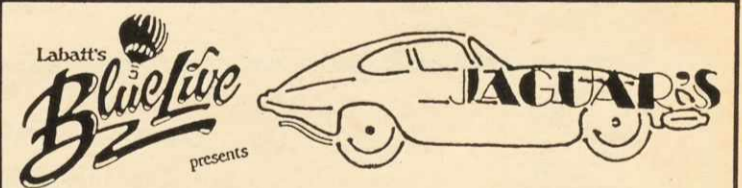
"We have spoken at length about Adsum House. But are

there any facilities in Halifax for homeless men?"

It is a good point at which to draw the evening to a close. Shebib's single criticism of the films — that they tend to portray poverty as an exclusively female condition — is justified.

"The Feminization of Poverty" attempts to explain why sixty percent of Canada's poor are women, and in this it is successful and enlightening. But the film must be kept in context.

After all, what of the other 40%? Poverty is a women's issue, but that fact does not preclude it from being a social issue, one which divides not only by gender but by class and race.



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# Symposium reveals Drug use an ethical question

by Brian Lennox

At a recent symposium on *Drugs and the Athlete*, the goal was not to find the solutions to drug abuse in sport. Instead, the emphasis here was on informing members of the sporting community about the problems of drug abuse and how to combat it. Steroids were the main drugs being discussed. Certainly, since Ben Johnson lost his gold medal at Seoul the issue of steroid abuse has received extensive coverage.

Rather than discuss the scientific questions of steroid use Dr. Stanish clearly believed that drug use in sport was and is an ethical question. According to Stanish, Chief Medical Officer of the Canadian Olympic team, the Ben Johnson scandal has put the fabric of Canadian sport into question. In combating the steroid problem Stanish believes one of the keys is to find out the motivation behind drug use. Is it the pressure to win that forces athletes to use steroids to enhance their performance? If it is says

Stanish, then Sport Canada in the future must clearly state what are the goals of Canadian Olympic athletes. Stanish maintains that "Canadian athletes are receiving conflicting messages from Ottawa". In 1983 then federal sports minister, Otto Jelinek stated that Canada would be a world leader in drug testing of its Olympic athletes. But in 1986 Jelinek told Canadian athletes they must be ranked in the top eight in the world to receive funding. To many athletes they face choices of not receiving funding from the federal government or take steroids to improve their world ranking.

Brian Langley vice president for the Canadian Track and Field Association presented his group's position on drug use. The CFTA has been under attack since the Johnson incident and subsequent revelations that other track and field athletes were also using steroids. Langley pointed out that the CTFA has in the past been in favour of improving drug testing

facilities in Canada. However, the cost involved in improving laboratory facilities are expensive and sport organizations do not have the money required. "If we are to be a world leader in drug testing then we will have to pay for it," concluded Langley. Langley and Frank Garner,

from being ranked 33rd in the world to sixth. Dreschler was 26 years old and her cause of death was the toxic reaction to the steroids.

Garner, used numerous experiences to illustrate the wide use of drugs in international sport.

the eastern bloc. The Hungarian coach had forewarned Garner of this in 1984 when he told Garner that Belgium did not have proper blood testing facilities.

Garner readily admitted the Canadian women's team cannot compete with such drug-fortified eastern bloc athletes.

Former pro football player Ken Clark and dietician Pam Lynch were especially concerned that too many young high school athletes were using steroids. Clark admitted that steroid use was prevalent in football but he believed the drug problem reflected society in general.

The symposium was very informative and each panel member saw there was a need for more discussion on steroid use and how to combat the use of performance enhancing drugs. Each agreed it was an ethical question and that if we could be more aware of the motivation to use drugs we will be closer to solving the dilemma of drugs in sports.

“panellists say many high school athletes using steroids.”

former national canoe team coach, used some personal experiences with steroids and other drug in their discussions. Langley commented on Brigette Dreschler, a West German pentathlon competitor who used steroids. Dreschler used between 24-37 different substances to enhance her performance. As a result, in one year she jumped

He recalled that in 1984, one Hungarian coach told him the Soviet-boycotted Olympics in the canoe competition would be "clean" without the eastern bloc there. Next year, at the World championships in Belgium every Olympic Canoe champion from 1984 was beaten almost all by eastern bloc athletes. In fact, of 39 medals awarded 38 were won by

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## Men's b-ball beats St. FX

by Chris Murray

The Dal Tiger's basketball team upset favoured Saint Francis Xavier by an 85-77 margin last Friday at the Dalplex. The biggest factor in the game according to coach Bev Greenlaw was that "We took X by surprise in the first 15 minutes, they didn't think our young team could play so well this early in the season."

The pattern for the first and second halves were similar. In the first half the Tigers took the lead by a wide margin and then watched St. FX close the gap to eight points at the half. Greenlaw wanted his team to build an early


lead in the second half as well and they did by scoring quickly to forge a 14 point difference. This was enough to hold off an increased level of intensity from St. FX and assure the victory.

Coach Bev Greenlaw says although no one mentions the fact, the Tigers are a young team and are still lacking experience. This problem is being handled by allowing nine to ten players to get into each game for most of the season. When playoff time comes and a player is called off the bench, the experience will be there to handle the game situation says Greenlaw.

The defence played consistently throughout the game in the eyes of the coach, but the offence stalled in the early going. "Players didn't move well later in the game which resulted in more dribbling and the tendency of the offence to break down.

"St. FX, he explains, was the team expected by many to capture first place in the division, got most of their points in the transition part of the game as well as turnovers by the Tigers. Greenlaw says the Tigers, despite the turnovers, had good shot selection for the entire game.

Leading scorers for the Tigers were Paul Riley and Will Verbeek with 21 points each. Riley and Oscar Martens contributed defensively with seven rebounds each and rookie centre Dean Thibodeau added five of his own. The coach says the way the team played "surpassed most expectations" and the rookies played well. The next game for the Tigers is November 22 when they travel to Acadia. the coach sees this as another tough contest: "Playing Acadia at Acadia will be a true test".



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## Dal swim teams rack up victories

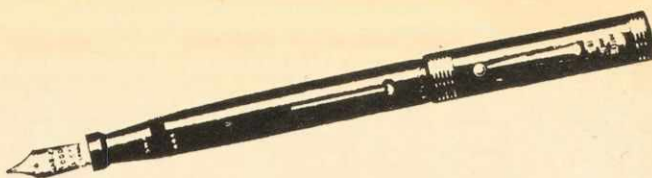
by Susan Hall

The men's and women's swim teams were victorious this past weekend at the season's first AUSA Invitational swim meet hosted by the U. of New Brunswick Brunswick. Both teams won by comfortable margins over the conference's four other swimming universities: UNB, Mount Allison, Acadia and Memorial.

Individual event winners were Kathy Josey in the 200 free, Dee MacKenzie in the 400 IM, Maria MacPherson 100 and 200 BR, D'Arcy Byrne 400 and 1500 free, Erik Kerasioris 100 free, and John Duncan 400 IM, 200 fly and 200 free. The Tigers' next meet, the last before Christmas, will be at Dalplex against Acadia, on Dec. 2 at 7:00pm.



# Calendar



*Soviet Political System: the Struggle for Glasnost and Democracy* at 3:30 pm in the Political Science Lounge of the A&A.

**Symposium** - Registration will go from 7 to 9 pm at Henson College for the *Symposium on Post-Secondary Education for All Aboriginal People* to be held Saturday and Sunday at Henson College. The Symposium is being sponsored by the Dalhousie Aboriginal University Students' Association and for further information contact Jean C. Knockwood at 424-8863.

**Dinner Theatre** - The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Nova Scotia will present a dinner theatre concert version production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* at Historic Feast Dinner Theatre, Historic Properties on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm the cost for a full course dinner and the show is \$27.50 per person (tax included). For further information and to purchase tickets, please call (902) 429-1287.

## Saturday 26

**International Night** - International Students' Association presents a cultural extravaganza: international cuisine, cultural show and dance. Tickets on sale in SUB (\$8 for students and \$10 for non-students). Doors open at 7pm, McInnis Room, in SUB, call 423-5458.

**Concert** - The Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra will be holding a fundraising concert by performers from Cape Breton. Performing in *A Salute to Youth* will be Eileen Forrester's Bicentennial Dancers, "Scumalash", The MacDonald Family Folk Band and the Nova Scotia Highlanders Pipes and Drums. The concert will take place at the Saint Mary's Theatre Auditorium at 8pm. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students and may be purchased through out many metro stores. For information call 423-5984, 422-6645 or 445-3822

## Sunday 27

**Church Service** - Sung Eucharist, 11 am. Kings College Chapel (Anglican) at the Coburg entrance to King's.

**Church Service** - Real Life Fellowship holds a weekly worship service in conjunction with Community Bible Church at 11:30 am in SUB 314. A teaching class is held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Mass** - 4:00pm at the MacMechan Auditorium (Killam Library)

## Monday 28

**Film** - The Monday night movie will be *D.O.A.* in the McInnis Room at 8pm. tickets are \$3 with CFS Student-saver Card, \$3.50 for university students and \$4 for the general public. Doors open at 7:30pm and popcorn, candy and soft drinks will be available.

## Tuesday 29

**Tree Decorations** - The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic will be having a *Nautical Tree Decorations* workshop on Dec. 13 at 7:30pm and registration is today. Sailor's knots make excellent tree decorations and the museum will show you how to make them. For more information call 429-8210. **Film** - *The War Game* by

Peter Watkins will be shown at 12:30pm in room 406 in the Dalhousie Art centre and at 8pm in the Gallery. Admission is free.

**Seminar** - Keith Manchester of the Atlantic Geoscience centre, will be giving an illustrative talk *Special Ships for Special Needs* about the complex design process and new development, including Class II Research Vessels and the Polar icebreaker. It will take place at 7:30pm in the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

**Soiree** - The Club Flamingo will be having a gala benefit night for the The Centre for Art Tapes. Five Halifax artists will be premiering their art videos and the popular Halifax bands Swallow's Tale, Flags for Everthing and Black Pool will be performing.

## Wednesday 30

**Seminar** - The African Studies Seminar Series will continue (unless the strike also continues) with Brian Crowley discussing *Multilateral Aid and International Development: the*

*case of Zaire*. The seminar will take place in the African Studies Centre Seminar room at 4:30pm.

**Meeting** - The Dalhousie Gazette holds its weekly meetings Wednesday at 5:30 pm and is followed by the layout of the paper. New members are encouraged to attend and no experience is necessary (the less the better actually). See you there!

## Thursday 1

**Seminar** - The Dalhousie Biology Dept. will be presenting Derek Davis of the Nova Scotia Museum, who will discuss *Terrestrial Molluscs of Nova Scotia* at 11:30am in room 332 of the Life Science Centre of Dal.

**Conference** - Women and Human Rights: The Canadian Experience of Immigrant and Refugee Women will be held in the Student Conference Centre on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building at Saint Mary's University. It will open on Thursday at 6:30pm with an exhibit of visual art, poetry and prose by immigrant and refugee women. A keynote address by Dr. Roxana Ng will follow at 8pm. The following day will include a panel discussion and workshops. There is no registration fee, but people who are interested in attending Friday's sessions must register immediately! For further information and to register call Debra Dickson, Conference Coordinator at 420-5419.

**Film** - *Traveling North* will be showing at Wormwood's Cinema from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1 at 7pm only. It is a gentle and poignant comedy about the slow decline of an old grouch. *Bagdad Cafe* will also be playing at Wormwood's Cinema this week at 9:15pm only. This film tells the story of two women — one black american, one white german — each newly split from their husbands, who at first are antagonists in a small American town but who become friends as the movie progresses.

## Community

**Free Trade Agreement** - A copy of the full Free Trade Agreement and other related material is available for the public to read in the Reference Department of the Halifax City Regional Library. To check the Library's hours, call 421-6983.

**Competition** - The Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia will be having their *13th Atlantic Writing Competition*. Unpublished manuscripts should be submitted or postmarked by January 31, 1989 for the following categories: novel, short story, non-fiction books, magazine feature, poetry, writing for children, and for the Dramatist Co-op of Nova Scotia playwrighting prize. For further information contact the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia, Suite 203, 5516 Spring Garden Road.

**Daily Mass** - is at 11:45 am, room 310 in the Dal. SUB.

**GLAD meeting** - Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie meet every other Thursday at 6:30 pm in room 314 of the SUB.

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## Thursday 24

**Lecture** - Alexander Kwapong (Pearson Institute) will be discussing *The Crisis in Education in Africa, the African Worlds Program in the African Studies Seminar Room* at 4:30 pm. For more information call 424-3814.

**Presentation** - Dr. Norman Myers, Oxford, will deliver a public lecture called *The Extinction of Species and Habitats Around the Globe* at 7:30 pm in the McMechan Auditorium at Dal's Killam Library.

**Drama** - the King's Theatrical Society will be presenting *The Shadow Box*, a serious yet amusing drama by Michael Cristofer. the show runs Nov. 24 to 27. Tickets are \$6 and \$4 for students, and are available at the King's General Office or at the door. For more information call 422-1271. Viewer discretion is advised.

## Friday 25

**CFIC Restaurant Day** - The Halifax Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis is holding *CFIC Restaurant Day* this Friday. Restaurant owners throughout Metro have pledged a portion of the price of their daily specials to the Foundation. Participating restaurants will display a poster to indicate their involvement and Metro mayors will proclaim November 25 CFIC Day in their cities. For more information contact Gwen Sterns at 428-2309 (work) or 422-5901 (residence).

**Seminar** - The Dept. of Chemistry of Dalhousie will be presenting Professor T.B. Grindley, Dalhousie, speaking on *Stannylene Acetals: Complex but useful Synthetic Reagents* at 1:30 pm in room 215 of the Chemistry Building. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 1:15 pm in room 231.

**Seminar** - The Dal dept. of Political Science will be presenting Alexei Izumov, Academy of Sciences of the USSR, speaking on *Reform of the*

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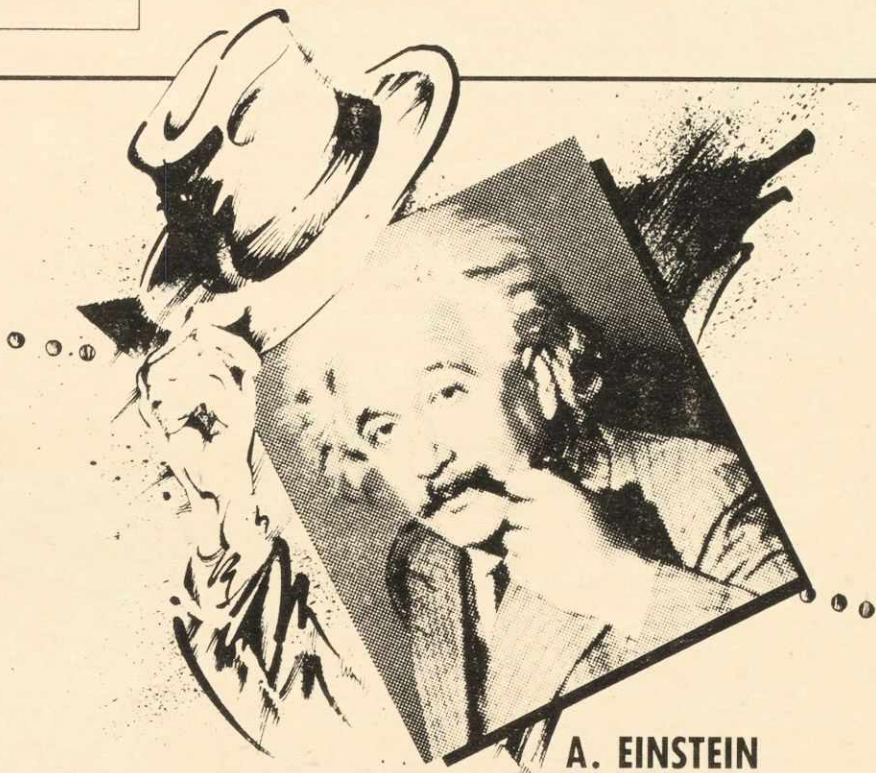
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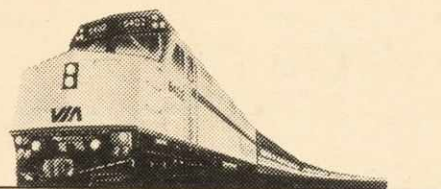
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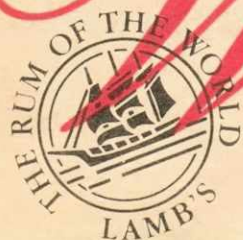
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